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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **KAWASE, Kinya, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1793**

Serial No.: **10/541,308**

Examiner: **ZHU, Weiping**

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**P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 8134**

For: **IRON-BASED SINTERED ALLOY, IRON-BASED SINTERED ALLOY  
MEMBER, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND OIL PUMP ROTOR**

**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**DATED January 23, 2008**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: February 25, 2008

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **January 23, 2008 with  
February 23, 2008 being a Saturday and February 24, 2008 being a Sunday.**

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1,2,5,6,9 and 22-24; and  
Group (II), Claims 10, 11,14,15, 18-21 and 25-27.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1,2,5,6,9 and 22-24 for  
prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that  
the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject  
matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

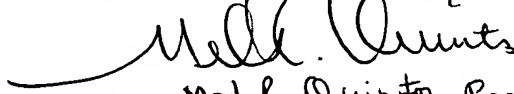

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an  
appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit  
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In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please  
charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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